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Dear Senator,

Our organizations strongly urge you to vote today for cloture on the Reid amendment. We urge you to oppose any efforts to filibuster and block a vote on these critical ethics reforms.

We also urge you to vote for the Reid amendment and to oppose any efforts to weaken the amendment.

The Reid amendment contains essential ethics rules reforms that would establish new restrictions on lobbyists and lobbying organizations paying for trips and gifts, including meals and entertainment, provided to Senators and staff, and would require Senators to pay charter fares, not first-class fares, for the use of corporate planes.

These provisions represent core ethics rules reforms that are necessary to govern the conduct of Senators and staff in the wake of the worst congressional corruption and ethics scandals in decades.

Reforms similar to those in the Reid amendment were recently adopted by the House by an almost unanimous, bipartisan vote of 430 to 1. The Reid amendment should receive similar overwhelming bipartisan support in the Senate. Strong ethics rules and high standards of conduct for federal officeholders are not and never have been a partisan issue.

We urge you to vote today for cloture on the Reid amendment and to vote for the Reid amendment and oppose any weakening amendments.

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